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HAND DELIVERY

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RE: Application of Sprint Long Distance, Incorporated for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Resold Telecommunications Services, for Alternative Regulation, and for Waiver of Certain Commission Rules
Docket No.: 2005-238-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed please find for filing twenty-six (26) copies of the Direct Testimony of C. Steve Parrott on behalf of Sprint Long Distance, Inc. in the above-captioned matter. Please return one copy to me in the stamped self-addressed envelope enclosed for your convenience. By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Elliott & Elliott, P.A.


Scott Elliott

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Enclosures

c: All Parties of Record w/enc.

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**IN RE: APPLICATION OF SPRINT LONG
DISTANCE, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE RESOLD
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, FOR
ALTERNATIVE REGULATION, AND
WAIVER OF CERTAIN COMMISSION
RULES**

) **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
) **OF SOUTH CAROLINA**
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) **DOCKET NO. 2005-238-C**
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DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

C. STEVE PARROTT

ON BEHALF OF

SPRINT LONG DISTANCE, INC.

November 7, 2005

1 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

2 A. My name is C.Steve Parrott and my business address is 14111 Capital
3 Boulevard, Wake Forest, North Carolina, 27587-5900.

4 **Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?**

5 A. I am employed by Sprint/United Management Company as State Executive
6 for North Carolina and South Carolina and I am testifying in this proceeding
7 on behalf of Sprint Long Distance, Inc.

8 **Q. Please briefly outline your education, training and experience in the**
9 **telephone industry.**

10 A. I hold a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration (Accounting
11 Major) from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and I have over twenty-
12 five (25) years of telephony experience with Sprint Corporation. Following
13 my employment with Sprint's regional local exchange company in Bristol,
14 Tennessee, in July 1977 as a staff accountant, I have held numerous staff
15 and management positions in the areas of finance/accounting, information
16 management services, and regulatory affairs. Management positions have
17 included General Accounting Manager, Director - Local Revenues, Director -
18 Rate Planning and Rate Case Matters, Director - Revenues and Regulatory
19 Matters, Director - Regulatory Affairs TN/VA and Director-State Regulatory
20 Affairs. In November 2000, I was appointed to my present position of State
21 Executive-NC/SC.

22 **Q. What are your responsibilities as State Executive – NC/SC?**

1 A. I am directly responsible for state regulatory affairs and governmental affairs
2 work functions for all Sprint affiliates in North Carolina and South Carolina,
3 as well as for Sprint Local Telephone Division's corporate communications
4 and public affairs functions in these states. Although I am not an attorney, I
5 do have indirect responsibility for the legal (regulatory) functions in these
6 states. As State Executive-NC/SC, I direct Sprint's external affairs activities
7 in North Carolina and South Carolina which includes providing regulatory
8 and legislative advocacy for Sprint's affiliates in these states.

9 **Q. Have you previously testified before State Utility Commissions?**

10 A. Yes, I have testified before the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the
11 Tennessee Regulatory Authority (previously the Tennessee Public Service
12 Commission), the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the Public
13 Service Commission in South Carolina addressing the areas of
14 finance/accounting, rate design, access charge reform, regulatory policy,
15 price regulation plans, rules for local exchange competition and universal
16 service issues.

17 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

18 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support the fact that the approval of Sprint
19 Long Distance, Inc.'s ("SLDI") Application for intrastate interexchange reseller
20 authority is in the public interest, and to point out that the only other party to
21 this proceeding agrees.

22 **Q. Why would approving this application be in the public interest?**

1 A. Approval of SLDI's application will benefit consumers in South Carolina by
2 creating greater competition in the interexchange marketplace and by
3 providing users with additional choices for billing and terminating their long
4 distance calls.

5 **Q. Does Sprint have the financial, managerial and technical skills to**
6 **operate as a reseller of long distance?**

7 A. Yes. As noted in our application, SLDI will have the financial backing of
8 Sprint Nextel (f/k/a "Sprint Corporation"). The managerial team, as noted in
9 the application, is well seasoned. On the technical side, the underlying carrier
10 will be Sprint Communications Company L.P., which is a certificated facilities-
11 based interexchange carrier in South Carolina

12 **Q. Is there any other party to this docket?**

13 A. Yes. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-4-10 as enacted by 2004 S.C.
14 Acts 175, the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") is a party of record in all
15 filings, applications, and proceedings before the Public Service Commission
16 of South Carolina. By this same statute, ORS is charged with representing
17 the public interest of South Carolina before the Commission.

18 **Q. Did any other parties intervene?**

19 A. No.

20 **Q. Does the ORS support SLDI's application?**

21 A. Yes, the ORS has gone on the record supporting SLDI's Application.

22 **Q. Does this conclude your Direct Testimony?**

23 A. Yes, it does.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned employee of Elliott & Elliott, P.A. does hereby certify that she has served below listed parties with a copy of the pleading(s) indicated below by mailing a copy of same to them in the United States mail, by regular mail, with sufficient postage affixed thereto and return address clearly marked on the date indicated below:

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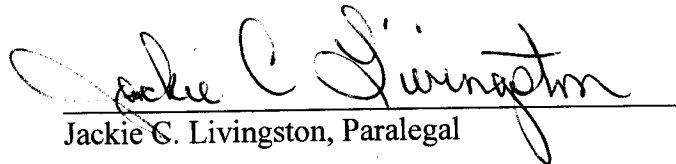
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PLEADING: DIRECT TESTIMONY OF C. STEVE PARROTT

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